



September 8, 2023

VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 545 – Elections: access for voters with disabilities. – REQUEST FOR
GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to request your signature on AB 545 (Pellerin), which makes accessible voting more available by requiring all in-person voting locations to offer curbside voting, provide prominent signage about the availability of access options, and establish a method for a voter with a disability to contact a poll worker in order to vote outside the voting location. It also removes the antiquated requirement that voters with disabilities must swear under oath that they are unable to mark a ballot.


AB 545 is critical because the accessibility of curbside voting and the availability of auxiliary accessibility aids provided for voters with disabilities varies widely across voting locations. In many counties, signage providing information about curbside voting is not prominently displayed and voters with disabilities are often

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unsure of how to attract the attention of poll workers. Accessibility aids are often forgotten in boxes behind the voter check-in station, rather than being conspicuously exhibited. Standardizing the requirements will improve equitable access to elections.

The League of Women Voters of California strongly supports AB 545 (Pellerin) and requests your signature. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Doute". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Doute
Executive Director
League of Women Voters of California